

WILLIAM AND THE JUDGE

A RIGID CROSS-EXAMINATION

The Doorkeeper at the Southern Manufacturers' Club Has An Inquisitive Caller But He Manages to Hold His Own—The Difference in the Attitude of White Folks to Negroes New and in Slavery Times—The Judge Takes William to Task About Making Him Show His Credentials—The Man of Law and the Darky Part the Best of Friends.

"De closest place dat I ever got in wuz when er judge of de cote tried to tangle me up," said William Gorrell, doorkeeper at the Southern Manufacturers' Club, yesterday.

"Why, William, I did not know that you had ever been in court," said an Observer man.

"I ain't," was the quick reply.

"Well, how come a judge interrogating you?"

"He done it right here at dis do'." "So, sir, he come to my place wuz blem an' crossed me out lak as ef I'd been on de witness stand."

"You know dat I's put here not fur to look putty an' let folks in but to look mean an' keep folks out. Ef you don't come wid de right papers I can't let you in. No, sir, an' it ain't de people dat I keeps out dat doos me harm but dem what I letty in by mistake an' it takes er putty heart man to git by dis nigger."

"Well, one day las' year, when I wuz settin' dere lookin' half way sleep but feelin' des about as wide er wake as de nex' man I seed er middle age man stop over on de tuther side uv de street, look dis way an' den come toads me. I knowed soon as I seed him stop dat he wuz fixin' to come to de club. Well, des fo' he knowed what wuz up I hop up an' shet de gate, fur I done learn dat it's harder to git er man out arter you git him in dan it is to keep him out dere when you git him out. Yes, sir, an' dat's why I shet de da'."

"De man come on, walkin' slow an' lookin' all about as he come, but I had ner eye on him. When he come in de do' I git up an' stop fo' de gate an' den stop an' stan' dere."

"He come close, look at me an' say, 'Is you de doorkeeper?'"

"Yes, sir. I 'low in des as meek er voice as I kin. 'Min I git in dere?" he axed."

"Well, ef you got de proper credentials."

"What sort of a place is dis anyhow? Is it a hotel?"

"I seed er glint in his eye an' I knowed den dat he knowed what I wuz des as well as he do now, but I 'splain to him all de same, fur dat's my bizness to answer questions fur white folks. I tol' him dat it wuz de club."

"Oh, yes, I see," he 'low.

"What sort of papers do you have to have to git in?"

"Some member's ceard wid instructions to let you in is what dey need allers has," I say.

"How would a ceard from Mr. Crawford Bennett do?" he axed me.

"Dat's all right," I say.

"What about Mr. Tom Guthrie?"

"Dere ain't none better dan dem two."

"I'n to look at de man. You see he ain't axe ef he kin come an' what's mo' he euen insinuate dat he want's in. At fust, when he axed about Mr. Bennett, I 'low to myself dat he's er farmer from Stanley, down wher de Bennetts come from, but when he put in Mr. Guthrie I 'gin to think dat he have somefin' to do wid cote. I look at him des a little closer an' I see somefin' mighty cunnin' in his eye."

"Well, here's Mr. Guthrie's ceard, an' I spee you had better let me in here widout any foolishness."

"I seed de ceard an' hit sho' wuz fixed up right. I swung back de gate an' let him in."

"Say, Simon, what good is dis club anyhow? I wuz to see you keep up here?" he axed.

"Dat wuz a swinger. I seed from de way he looked dat he had mo' in dat question dan I thought he had at fust. I study a minit an' den say: 'Well, we has lots of things up dere—papers to read, billiard tables, nice cheers to set on, an' de like.'

"I knowed we had mo' but I wuz des drappin' him out er little to see which cose he wuz gwine to take."

"Is that all?"

"No, sir, not adzactly—we gut good things to eat."

"Good things to eat?"

"Yes, sir."

"Why, you don't make a hotel out of de club?"

"Not adzactly, but we keeps good things to eat. Yes, sir."

"What you call good things?"

"Chicken, turkey, an' beefsteaks an' so on."

"Well, don't you have anything to drink?"

"Oh, yes, sir."

"What?"

"I'd done seed dat he wuz er lawyer an' dat act powerful lak a judge de way he wuz cross-examinin' me."

"Water," I say.

"Water, is dat all?"

"No, sir, we has mineral water."

"What else?"

"Hilda water."

"Is dat all?"

"No, sir, Polly Harris water."

"What else?"

"Buffalo water."

ATTEND ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE

North Carolina Represented at Gathering of Prohibition Forces in Norfolk This Week—Prominent Speakers on Programme.

Senator Harris Clarkson left last night for Norfolk, Va., wher he will this week attend the meeting of the National Anti-Saloon League Convention. It will be in session September 16th to 19th. Mr. Clarkson is one of the delegates from North Carolina. The others are: H. M. Blair, of Greensboro; C. W. Blanchard, of Raleigh; R. L. Davis, of Warren Plains; and F. S. Blair, of Guilford College. The alternates are: John A. Oatis, of Fayetteville; T. N. Ivry, of Raleigh; Henry A. Page, of Aberdeen; J. O. Atkinson, of Elon College; J. H. Tucker, of Asheville; and Fred D. Hale, of Wilmington. Mr. J. W. Bailey is chairman of the executive committee. Mr. Clarkson is president of the State convention.

The convention will bring pressure to bear on Congress with a view to secure the passage of a measure akin to the Hepburn-Doolittle bill, forbidding the shipping of whiskey into dry territories, and to stopping the practice of issuing Federal licenses in territory wher the State law forbids the doing of that which the prohibitionists say, nullifying the State law.

The following speakers have accepted a place on the programme: Hon. C. W. Trickett, of the Attorney-General's office of Kansas, prosecutor of the saloonists and brewers of Kansas City, Sept. 18th; Governor Robert B. Glenn, of North Carolina, Sept. 18th; Hon. J. Frank Hanly, Governor of Indiana, Sept. 19th; Rev. G. K. Stark, of Evanston, Ill., one of the leading Sweden's preachers of America, will speak during the convention on the immigrant and temperance question.

A striking feature of the convention is that two of the speakers are State Governors, one a Democrat and the other a Republican. September 26th will be National Temperance Day, on which occasion Rev. George R. Stuart, the famous evangelist of Tennessee, will deliver his leading address, "The Stump Digger." At the evening meeting Mrs. Nannie Curtis, the "Silver Tongued Orator," of Texas, will deliver one of her remarkable addresses.

TRAINED-NURSES ENTERTAIN.

Miss Annie Inesh and Assistants Give an Informal Reception at the Presbyterian Hospital.

Miss Annie M. Inesh, superintendent of nurses at the Presbyterian Hospital, and her assistants gave an informal reception at the Presbyterian Hospital last night. The first thing on the programme, after the guests assembled, was a short address by Rev. J. H. Thornwell, of Fort Mill, S. C., which was enjoyed by the audience. Mr. Thornwell is a pleasant speaker and his subject last night was appropriate for the occasion. He spoke of the ideal of the nurse and told of her life as she lived it for the sake of others.

When the lecture was over the young ladies and their friends repaired to the parlor, wher refreshments were served. After ice cream and cake had been passed around the young people patred off and went to the spacious balcony for a friendly talk. Having had the appetite whetted by the night air the visitors and their hostesses visited the punch room and partook of a light drink prepared for the occasion.

Instead of giving a regular lecture last night, the usual way of opening the sessions of the Presbyterian Hospital Training School for Nurses, Miss Inesh devised the happy scheme of giving the informal reception. The first regular lecture will be given tomorrow night.

The affair last night was quite a success, for it was the cause of a number of people who take part in the busy life of the city making the acquaintance of each other. The evening was spent in pleasant social intercourse.

THE REPORT NOT TRUE.

Mr. W. S. Croker is Called on to Explain That the Story of His Death by Fire Was Greatly Exaggerated.

"The people in Gastonia have been mourning you as one dead," said a Gastonia man to Mr. W. S. Croker, of the mechanical force of The Observer yesterday.

"They are very kind," was the reply, "but their energy is misdirected. If I am dead I have never been officially notified of the fact."

"Well, you'll have to show them," said the Gastonian. "Somehow the rumor became current that you had perished in the fire last Monday morning. One of the lady school teachers actually announced your unhappy fate as a fact to her school that day and it spread quickly throughout the 900 children. Even The Observer itself but partially reassured them. You can go back there and exhibit yourself in the flesh, but there are some who will always look upon you as a modern Shadrack, an up-to-date Meshach or a twentieth century Abednego."

HEALTH IN THE CANAL ZONE.

The high wages paid make it a mighty temptation to our young artisans to join the force of skilled workmen needed to construct the Panama Canal. Many are attracted, however, by the fear of fever and malaria. It is the knowing ones—those who have used Electric Bitters—who go to the zone with ease, well knowing they are safe from malarious influence with Electric Bitters on hand. Cures blood poison, too, biliousness, weakness and all stomach, liver and kidney troubles. Guaranteed by all druggists. W.C.

LOST HIS OWN CASE.

The Sad Story of Melvin Dunlap, Colored, Who Defended Himself Heavily in Court—The Other Fellow Wasn't There When He Had the Gun.

Melvin Dunlap, colored, was his own lawyer in yesterday's court and he defended himself not wisely but too well. He was as zealous for the interests of his client as any lawyer could be, but he allowed his outraged feelings to cloud the clearness of his mental operations. Melvin was charged with carrying a concealed pistol. A young white man testified to having seen him with the gun.

"Aw, you ain't never seen me with no pistol," retorted Dunlap, when given a chance to cross-examine the witness. "You done made that all up out of your head. I got a good notion to turn loose on you, too. Wher'd you get that hecker you hed?"

"That'll do," said Recorder Smith. "Talk to the police if you have any information to give out."

"That fellow over dere saw you, too," interposed the witness, pointing to a man just inside the railing. "He never saw me with no pistol," the negro objected vigorously. "He wuz out drivin' when I had that gun."

The crowd in the court room roared. Cordiality and pathos mingled in the expression on the buck negro's face as he heard the laughter and realized that he had made Recorder Smith's task easy. But he never gave up. His bond was fixed at \$50.

Mr. Clarence Worth Dies—Engaged to Charlotte Young Lady.

News has reached the city of the death of Mr. Clarence Worth, which occurred a day or two ago in New York. He was a native of Plainville, N. J., and spent his vacation here this summer, leaving Charlotte about three weeks ago. He was a graduate in law but on account of ill health had given up his profession temporarily. Mr. Worth was a bright and energetic young man with a winning personality which made for him numerous friends in Charlotte.

The saddest feature of his death is the fact that he was engaged to Mrs. Miss Mollie Brown, daughter of Mrs. S. E. Brown, on North Tryon street. The young people met this summer for the first time and fell in love. An engagement resulted and their troth was to have been plighted soon. Miss Brown has the sympathy of numerous friends.

OUR DAILY MENU

If your escort forgets it, a suggestion, in the way of a reminder, accompanied by a sweet smile, will bring about the desired result. For lunches or dinner parties, this restaurant is unexcelled. Our prices are popular ones and cookery is unsurpassed.

GEM DINING ROOM.

PEOPLE'S COLUMN

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WANTED—One good negro servant. Apply to Chas. E. Warner, care Rockingham Power Company, Rockingham, N. C.

WANTED—Inside wireman at once, steady job for good man. Twin City Electric & Construction Co., Winston-Salem, N. C.

WANTED—Two or three unfurnished rooms conveniently located by couple without children. Address Box 147.

WANTED—By young lady, position as stenographer. Address "Miss C.," care Observer.

WANTED—A first-class linen room keeper. Address in own handwrite, "Hotel," care Observer.

TO TEACH THE VIOLIN.

Mr. Don Richardson to Remain in Charlotte This Season and Give Lessons on the Violin.

Mr. Don Richardson has canceled his engagements to tour the South as a violin soloist in order to take pupils on the violin this season. Several pupils entered for his tuition yesterday. The people of Charlotte will be glad to hear that Mr. Richardson is to stay in the city. He is strictly a specialist, having devoted himself to his instrument, and fortune has favored him in giving him a reputation in accordance with his talent.



AFTER THE PLAY

It's the proper caper to visit this restaurant to regale yourself with the excellencies as provided and set forth in

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WANTED—Position as assistant book-keeper, combined with stenography and typewriting, by a competent young man with good reference. No preference as to location. Address B. S., care Observer.

MISCELLANEOUS.

ACCOMMODATIONS for thirty can be had at the beautiful new residence No. 28 1/2nd street, already on car line to the Jamestown Exposition. Lodging \$1. Special rates to parties of four or more. Address G. M. Cuke.

MISS THOMSON'S Kindergarten and Primary School will reopen Monday, September 18th, at 400 East Avenue.

ANNOUNCEMENT—On account of had health for the past two or three years, I have decided to sell my place of business, known as Wharton's Book Store, located at Greensboro, N. C. This is a splendid opportunity for a young man of energy. The business is well established and well and favorably known throughout the State. I shall be pleased to give further information on demand. Henry W. Wharton, Greensboro, N. C.

MISS EMMA LEINBACH, pupil of Belair, of N. Z.; Geo. Henschel, of London, and Jacques Boula, of Paris, will resume vocal lessons Sept. 18th, at her studio, No. 323 N. Tryon street.

YOUNG LADY stenographer from eastern town of North Carolina desires position in western town. Thoroughly competent. Good reference. "West," care Observer.

FOR RENT.

HAVING OUTGROWN our present building we are contemplating moving into larger quarters and offer our lease for sale. Particulars furnished on application by letter or in person. Williams & Shuman Co., Wholesale Dry Goods and Notions, 26-28 S. College street.

FOR RENT—One apartment in Norman Plaza. Five rooms, hot and cold baths. Apply Chas. W. Norman, Stone & Barringer Co.

FOR RENT—Furnished room in private family, in excellent neighborhood, convenient to business section, rates very reasonable. References required. Address Carolinian, care The Observer.

FOR RENT—Desirable residence on South Caldwell St. Apply 600 E. Ave.

FOR RENT—Four nicely furnished apartments, with bath, gas range and all conveniences for light housekeeping. Address "H.," care Observer.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—At a bargain, one comparatively new golden oak folding bed, one refrigerator and two good rugs. These things are clean and well preserved. 602 North Church. Phone 1283.

FOR SALE—One Frick ice making machine, six ton capacity. Brine system, first-class condition. Reason for selling, too large for our plant. Mechanicsburg Mineral Springs Co., Chase City, Va.

FOR SALE—Residence in Dilworth. For price and terms apply to O. A. Robbins.

FOR SALE—Bay horse, six years old, and runabout. P. O. Box 501.

FOR SALE—A \$30 Bloch makes baby carriage, good as new, heavy for winter use, for less than half price. Box 78.

FOR SALE—Mercantile business, Gastonia, N. C. Centrally located, corner Main and Marietta streets. Stock consists of groceries, crockery, tinware, etc. Will inventory with fixtures about \$1,000. Will lease building to suit tenant, rents reasonable. For information address C. B. Armstrong, Gastonia, N. C.

FOR SALE—At once, good horse and buggy. Apply to Dr. C. H. C. Mills, Charlotte, N. C.

Advertisement for Hawley's Pharmacy, featuring "GET IT AT HAWLEY'S" and "Beef, Iron and Wine".

Advertisement for Feather Plumes, featuring "Electric Bitters" and "Charlotte Steam Laundry".

Large advertisement for Ed. Mellon Co. featuring a man in a suit and the text "We Have Clothes For Fall" and "Ed. Mellon Co. LEADING CLOTHIERS."

Advertisement for THE AMERICAN MOISTENING COMPANY, featuring "Old Dominion" High-Test FIRE BRICK AND FIRE CLAY.

Advertisement for Carolina Portland Cement Company, featuring "Universal," "Acme" and "Electroid" brands.

Advertisement for SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES.

Advertisement for OAK RIDGE INSTITUTE, featuring "OAK RIDGE, N. C." and "SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY."

Advertisement for CONVENT BOARDING SCHOOL, featuring "For Young Ladies and Girls" and "SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY."

Advertisement for MISS ELIZABETH TIMLOW, Principal, featuring "CLOVERSIDE BOARDING SCHOOL" and "FOR YOUNG LADIES AND GIRLS."

Advertisement for Elizabeth College and Conservatory of Music, featuring "A HIGH-GRADE COLLEGE FOR WOMEN" and "Opens Sept. 18th."

Advertisement for Presbyterian College For Women, featuring "CHARLOTTE, N. C." and "Opens September 5th, 1907."

Advertisement for King's Business College, featuring "INCORPORATED" and "CAPITAL STOCK \$50,000.00."

Advertisement for J.E. Crayton & Co., featuring "Why Pay More?" and "Standard Adding Machines fill me requirements than others."

Large advertisement for Mr. Business Man, featuring a man in a suit and the text "Look on your desk this morning before you open it up, and see if there is not room for an improvement on the top. Here is an idea—an 'elastic' one that will grow. Instead of making a dump heap of your books, suppose you arrange them in a Globe-Walkers Book Case like this. We can deliver it to-day."